

PATENT

Docket No.: 703469-2001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Assignee: ConAgra Grocery Products

Company

· Inventors: M. Konanayakam et al.

App. No: 10/664,516

Filed: September 17, 2003

Priority Date: September 17, 2002

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAKING CASINGLESS SAUSAGE

Group Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: George Chan Pui Yeung

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Independent Claims	3	3	0	x \$44.00	x \$88.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims				\$140.00	\$280.00	-0-
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed October 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: